

USAMU Soldiers win national rifle, pistol championships

U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit, Accessions Support Brigade

FORT BENNING, Ga. - Soldiers of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit of Fort Benning, Ga., have scored some major victories this month. The following results are some of their accomplishments:

U.S. Practical Shooting Association National Open Championships, Barry, Ill., July 17 to 24 -

USAMU action shooter Staff Sgt. Maxient J. Michel won the USPSA Open National Championship for the second consecutive year.

National Smallbore Rifle Three-Position Matches, Camp Perry, Ohio, July 21 to 23 - International

rifle shooter Sgt. Shane M. Barnhart triumphed over 367 of the country's best shooters to win the NRA National Smallbore Rifle Three-Position Championship; Sgt. 1st Class Jason A. Parker took second place. Only one point separated USAMU international rifle shooter Staff Sgt. Armando R. Ayala from the winner in the NRA Three-Position Metallic Sight National Championship; Ayala took second place and Maj. Michael E. Anti got third. Sgt. 1st Class Thomas A. Tamas won the Three Position Metallic Sight Prone Match, Barnhart took second place in the Three-Position Metallic Sight Kneeling Match and Anti got third in the Three-Position Metallic Sight Standing Match. The USAMU Team of Anti, Barnhart, Tamas and Parker won the Three-Position Metallic Sight Team Match and the USAMU Team of Ayala, Lt. Col. Robert E. Harbison, Spc. Henry L. Gray and Pfc. Michael D. McPhail took third place. Parker finished second in the NRA Three-Position Any Sight National Championship, just two points behind the winner; Barnhart took third place. McPhail won the Three-Position Any Sight Prone Match, followed by Tamas in second place. Barnhart took second place in the Three-Position Any Sight Kneeling Match and Parker finished third. Parker was second in the Three-Position Any Sight Standing Match and Barnhart was third. The USAMU Team of Anti, Barnhart, Parker and Tamas won the Three-Position Any Sight Team Match and the USAMU Team of Ayala, Gray, Harbison and McPhail took third place.

USA Shooting National Shotgun Championships, Fort Carson, Colo., July 13 to 23 - Shotgun shooter

Pfc. Joshua M. Richmond won the Gold Medal in the Men's Double Trap National Championship,

followed by Sgt. Richard Ryan Hadden with the Silver Medal and Staff Sgt. William H. Keever with the Bronze. Hadden won the Gold Medal and Spc. Matthew T. Wallace got the Silver Medal in the Men's Trap National Championship. Sgt. 1st Class Shawn C. Duloher took the Silver Medal in the Men's Skeet Championship.

National Pistol Matches, Camp Perry, Ohio, July 12 to 16 - The USAMU Service Pistol Team won the Center Fire National Team Championship. Shooters were Sgt. 1st Class Roger C. Jacobson, Staff Sgt. Adam E. Sokolowski, Sgt. Keith A. Sanderson and Sgt. Robert S. Park II; Sgt. 1st Class Charles E. Coffey was the team captain and Sgt. Brian W. Rost was the coach. Staff Sgt. John C. Ennis won the Center Fire National Championship and won the High Master Division in the National Pistol Championship. Park won the Forces Command Trophy and Sanderson took third place in the .22-Caliber Championship. The USAMU Team of Park, Sokolowski, Ennis and Spc. Sean P. Watson finished second in the National Team Championship; Coffey was the team captain and Jacobson was the coach.